REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	11 February 2004
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Manukau
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	12) A13280\035.jpg
Other Known Title(s):	Not Stated
Director(s):	Not Applicable
Producer(s):	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Stated
Author(s):	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Image File
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language(s):	Not Stated

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running Time:

Trailers: Running Time:

Total Running Time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer image file entitled *12) A13280\035.jpg* is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication is a printout of a JPEG computer image file which consists of a colour reproduction of a photograph. The photograph depicts a woman being subjected to treatment which presents as the infliction of serious physical harm and significant cruelty, and which also presents as highly degrading. The manner in which this is presented has been addressed under ss3(3)(a)(i), 3(3)(a)(iii) and 3(3)(c) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, and the publication has been found to be objectionable as a result.

This classification places a restriction on the freedom of expression outlined in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, in this instance a classification of "objectionable" is considered the minimum interference with freedom of expression that is consistent with preventing likely injury to the public good, and is thus a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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